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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gut, I. et al. Conf.: 8231
Appl. No.: 09/555,971 Group: 1634
Filed: November 14, 2000 Examiner: Lu, Frank Wei Min
For: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC
ACID BY MEANS OF ELECTROSPRAY MASS
SPECTROMETRY

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 3, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to October 3, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1-10 and 14-20 are currently pending. Claims 11-13 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Amendments to the Claims appear on pages 2-5 of the Response.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 6 of the Response.

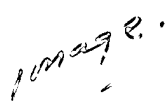
Applicant's Remarks appear on pages 7 and 8 of the Response.

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$145	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$72.00

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- ☒ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$55.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$127.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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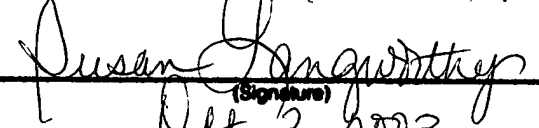
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Oct. 3, 2003
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